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In re Application of Murphy et al.

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Bioengineered Tissue Constructs and Methods for Producing and

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

For:

This Response Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 is filed in reply to the Office Action mailed October 12, 2000, the time for responding having been extended to April 12, 2001, by the accompanying petition for a three-month extension of time. The Commissioner is authorized to debit the three-month extension of time fee of \$445.00 (small entity) from Deposit Account No. 08-0219. The Commissioner is also authorized to debit any fee that may be required to maintain the pendency of this application from Deposit Account No. 08-0219.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and reexamination of the above-referenced patent application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Specification

Please amend the specification as described below. As required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b)(1) the amended paragraphs are rewritten with all changes included. In addition, also attached, is a marked-up version of the amended paragraphs, marked to show all of the changes

Please add the following title and paragraph on page 1, between lines 3 and 4.